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In re Application of  
Shigeaki Kato et al  
Application No. 09/489,198  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 7, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for express abandonment. See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3).

The application is hereby withdrawn from issue, and the abandonment is hereby recognized.

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